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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BROWNING et al.	)
Application No.: 10/077,137	) Group Art Unit: 1645
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For: BAFF RECEPTOR (BCMA), AN IMMUNOREGULATORY AGENT	) ) ) Confirmation No.: 2907 )

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2005. Applicants have concurrently petitioned for a one-month extension of time and paid the required fee.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.

Remarks accompanying this Amendment begin at page 16.

Attachments to this reply include:

- 1. Copy of Forms PTO/SB/02A (Oath/Declarations) as previously submitted
- 2. Copy of postcard confirming PTO receipt of executed Declarations
- 3. Reference BA (WO 99/12964)
- 4. Form PTO/SB/08
- Information Disclosure Statement
- 6. Printout of GenBank™ database entry for human BCMA

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- 7. Printout of GenBank™ database entry for mouse BCMA
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